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August 12, 2008

Engineering Field Activity, Midwest Attn: Mr. Howard Hickey Building 1A, Code 931 201 Decatur Avenue Great Lakes, Illinois 60088-5600

Re: Final Remedial Investigation and Risk
Assessment Report for Site 1 – Golf Course
Landfill, Naval Station Great Lakes
Great Lakes, Illinois

0971255048 – Lake Great Lakes Naval Station Superfund/Technical

Dear Mr. Hickey:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA or Agency) is in receipt of the submitted Final Remedial Investigation and Risk Assessment Report for Site 1 – Golf Course Landfill, Naval Station Great Lakes. It was drafted by Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. on behalf of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (Navy). It was dated March 2008 and was received at the Agency on March 31, 2008. Accompanying the report were Navy responses to Agency comments regarding previous versions of that report as well as several revised pages based upon subsequent discussions. The Agency has conducted a review of the Navy's responses and the submitted final report and has nothing further to add. Illinois EPA can now concur with the contents of the submittal as written. Therefore, Agency personnel have signed the appropriate page and are herein returning said page for inclusion in the final document.

As a reminder, in 2005 a Mr. Howard Lewis made an inquiry regarding radioactive material stored at Naval Station Great Lakes. He claimed to have been exposed to "some drums marked danger hazardous chemicals" that were stored on-site and were eventually disposed in the dump now known to be located beneath the Willow Glen Golf Course. There was also contact with a Congressman Barton, of Texas, regarding and responding to this same issue. In our response letter we concluded that "Illinois EPA will provide whatever oversight and/or assistance possible during the Navy's planned investigation at the base and will ensure the Navy provides you with the results of that investigation, once it is complete." As such, Illinois EPA is requesting the Navy provide a copy of the final report to Mr. Lewis, if he can be reached.

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If you have any questions regarding anything in this letter or require any additional information, please contact me at (217) 557-8155 or by electronic mail at <u>Brian.Conrath@illinois.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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